

St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF
THE YEAR**
22nd July 2018



FESTIVAL-CHRISTIAN STALL

Thanks to all who visited the Christian stall at the River Festival. It was encouraging to see many taking time to do so amidst so many other attractions. Thanks also to all who came forward to volunteer at the stall over the two days.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next meeting of the Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Group is on Wednesday 1st August at 8.00pm in the Guild Room. A time to be with the Lord in prayer before the Blessed sacrament with song, praise, scripture reading and reflection and intercessory prayer. Come and make time with the Lord who waits for us.

ECUMENICAL GUESTS

We will be joined at the 6.30pm Mass next Sunday by fellow Christians from the various town centre churches. We welcome them as we share our common faith and worship of God in Christ.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Eileen Cusack, RIP
	9.30am	Patrick Malone, RIP
	11.00am	Annamma Thomas
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	
	10.45am	Sister Mary Francis
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Patrick Haugh, RIP
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Wednesday	<i>St James</i>	
	7.30am	Tom Kelly, RIP
	10.45am	John O'Connor, RIP
Thursday	<i>Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	
	10.45am	Gus & Mary Orr, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Ena Taylor, RIP
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Harold & Eileen Harlow, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Robert & Anna Wright & Family
Thursday	6.00pm	Ann Glackin

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's: 5.00pm – 5.30pm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, George, Bahoum

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None until September

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED

More flower arrangers are needed in St Joseph's to assist with the rota. If anyone is interested, please see Canon Seamus. Please do think about this request.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

Visit www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com for news and events in the Bedford Pastoral Area.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service after the 6.30pm Mass next Sunday to pray for personal healing and for those we wish to pray for.

ROSARY RALLY

Rosary Rally at Mount St Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, to pray for peace in our world and for young people, on Sunday 26th August commencing with Mass at 2.00pm. Bring a packed lunch and a folding chair or stool. See poster in the porch for more details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This pilgrimage is organised by the Northampton Diocese from 24th to 31st August. Contact Deacon Michael Fleming on 01604 647750 or mvf@btinternet.com if you wish to go. See poster on noticeboard for details.

AFTERNOON TEA

We are invited to an Afternoon Vintage Tea on Friday 27th July at Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Entrance £3. Includes tea, homemade cake and dancing. For more information call 404563.

SUMMER CAMP

The Northampton Diocesan Youth Ministry is also organising a Summer Camp for young people aged 11 – 18 years from 29th July to 2nd August at Alton Castle, Staffs costing £195 discounted minimum donation - £265 actual cost. We ask people to pay what they can reasonably afford within this price range. Included in the price is accommodation, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers theme park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, camp fires and much more. Contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email fiona@nymo.org

“YOUR GOD WILL BE MY GOD”

This is the title of a retreat based on the Book of Ruth for this year of Prayer & Vocation. It will be held at the Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Road, Iver Heath, Bucks SL0 0NR on Saturday 20th October from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Cost £30 per person. Includes lunch, tea and coffee. To book please send a cheque payment for £30 made payable to R.E. Service, along with your name, phone number and email address to: Ruth Retreat at Iver Heath, NORES, RE Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, Beds LU4 8JD. Tel: 01582 723312 or email: admin@nores.org.uk. See poster for full details.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

The guardians of our Lady of Guadalupe are seeking a Schools Programme Administration Coordinator. This voluntary role involves contacting schools in locations where the Miraculous Relic Image will visit to invite them to come and learn more about the Relic Image and to coordinate the administration for each visit. We are looking for someone who would be available for a few hours each week during the daytime, who has basic email and Word skills and a good telephone manner. You would be part of a friendly and supportive team. Please contact Barbara Kay on mbky3@outlook.com or on 01234 340759 for more details.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The Northampton Diocesan Youth Ministry invites young adults aged 16 – 30 years to the World Meeting of Families in Ireland from 21st – 27th August with Pope Francis attending the event in Dublin. The trip costs £395 including travel, accommodation and conference tickets. For more information and to book a place email fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

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St Therese of Lisieux

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1118.48

Our Lady's £182.76

Thank you.